

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-7 without prejudice to or waiver of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled).

Please add Claims 8 and 9, as follows:

8. (New) An original document processing apparatus comprising:  
conveying means for conveying an original document to an original document reading position;  
a pair of reverse-discharge rotating members capable of rotating forward and reverse for feeding the original document to said conveying means by switchback, and discharging the original document conveyed from said conveying means; and  
electricity removal means for removing electricity from the conveyed sheet;  
wherein the switchback serves to feed an original document from said pair of reverse-discharge rotating members to the conveying means; and  
wherein the electricity removal means is disposed at a downstream side in an original document discharging direction from a cross over position for a front edge of the original document and a rear edge of the original document in a case of conveying the original document having a maximum conveyable length by switchback, and at a downstream side in the original document discharging direction of said pair of reverse-discharge rotating members.

9. (New) The original document processing apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein a distance of starting from said pair of reverse-discharge rotating members, passing said original document reading position, and returning back to said pair of reverse-discharge rotating members is made shorter than the maximum conveyable length; and

wherein the cross over position is disposed between said reverse-discharge rotating members and said electricity removal means.